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EMPLES STILL UNDONE

Archie W. Hook

Minister and Superintendent

A hobby of mine is collecting mental pcitures of church buildings. The gallery is quite large and very interesting. There are only a few cathedrals but there are scores of lovely churches which convince one, at a glance, that they are beacons of an eternal lights. It must be recognized that there are many church buildings that leave much to be desired both in beauty and in arrangement in which constructive and vital programs of worship, education and service are being carried on. Let me further admit that there are some—yes, far too many—so called churches that are a discredit, if not actual blasphemy. Would that I could heavily veil all such and file them permanently in a remote section of my memory.

The thrill of this hobby comes in reviewing mentally, or in attempting to pass on to others in word pictures, the joy and ecstasy which radiates from a truly beautiful church. I would like to linger and share a little further at this point, but I must tell you about one church that stands out indelibly in my memory and it is not in any of the groups which I have mentioned. It is a church which I used to pass almost daily and never without seeing it. It seldom went unnoticed by any who passed and frequent comments were made concerning it. Why? I am sorry it was not its beauty, its size or its location. It was half-built and had stood so for years . . . concrete walls from which the forms had not been removed, the tower about two-thirds complete and there were gapping holes where windows and doors were intended. The questions which come to your mind are the ones which were frequently asked and were often in the minds of those who passed.

You are undoubtedly ahead of me and have already guessed that my reason for sharing this personal hobby with you is because it seems to relate rather definitely to our present Church Building Loan Fund program. The present rate of population increase indicates that there will be needed at least 10,000 new Protestant Churches by 1960. As a Congregational Christian Fellowship, we should build at least 333 of these new churches. There is a still greater number of our present churches which desperately need additions, new units, or entirely new buildings. Almost none of the new churches will be realized and many of the present buildings will not be expanded unless a source is available from which substantial loans can be secured, at low interest. Let us have no half-built churches, new or old.

No congregation in our Conference has refused to share in this Church Building Loan Fund which has had a full and comprehensive presentation of the need and program. If you want help in such a presentation, call on the Conference Committee or Staff. "We would be Building temples still undone."

News of the Churches

WALLA WALLA . . .

Members of the Junior High Department of the Church School were responsible for organizing the Bible Exhibit for the Walla Walla Church in November. The exhibit was on display for a Sunday morning and also used for a Family Night program. Mrs. Alice Lewis is superintendent of the department. There were Bibles in many languages, and many with interesting histories—the oldest Bible in the exhibit was 137 years old; another interesting one survived the church fire. There were also different translations on exhibit as well as helps in reading and understanding the Bible. Such an activity is only one indication of the work of the church school. Rev. Kenneth Claypool is minister of the church.

Seattle, OLIVET . . .

Rev. Theron Zimmerman reports the beginning in December of two morning services at Olivet church, as a means of being of greater service to the people of the community. The first service at 9:45 does not include a story sermon for the children as they are in Church School, and music is provided by a soloist instead of the choir. The two services are being received with enthusiasm.

SUMMIT PARK . . .

Rev. Henry Jacobs reports that the Summit Park church has started having one evening service each month, followed by a coffee hour in addition to their regular services. The Sunday School is also growing with an adult class that is well attended, and a junior choir for worship services.

MARLIN . . .

Rev. Albert Haussauer report that every member of the Marli Zion church is subscribing to Th Congregational Way. This is th only church which has a 100% re ord. This church has also accepte its full quota for the Church Buil ing Loan Fund Campaign. The grou also has quite a missionary spirit for their missionary Sunday offerin they gave $817.

WEST SEATTLE . . .

Open House for interested an prospective members of the We Seattle church was held at the pa sonage each Sunday afternoon i December. The deaconesses assis ed Rev. and Mrs. Roland Schluet in the entertainment.

VERADALE . . .

Dedication services of a Lif Deacon's Plaque were held in N vember. The project is the resu of long planning by the Deacons the church to make a permane plaque recording the names of th Life Deacons. The plaque was pr pared by Mr. Anders Hultman an is of beautiful mahogany wood.

Rev. Frank Sturtevant also repor that the sanctuary has been rede orated, and a successful Eve Member Canvass conducted the la of November.

FORKS . . .

Rev. Norman Scruton began h ministry in this community on D cember 1. We welcome Mr. Scrut to our fellowship from the Nor Dakota Conference, where he wa serving a parish at New England.

EST RIVER . . .

ne Community Congregational rch celebrated its 50th anniver- of the Dedication of its build- on Sunday, December 14. It was rvice of witness and re-dedica- for the people. The theme of service was "Thanksgiving and on." Dr. Archie H. Hook, con- nce minister, was a special st, and preached the morning ion. The day also featured fel- ship meals at the church. Rev. iam M. Edwards is the present ster.

LFAX . . .

stallation services for Rev. ert Satterfield were held at nouth Church on Sunday, Decem- 14, at 8:00 p.m. Those partici- ng in the service included The . David J. Julius of Pullman, . Kenneth Claypool of Walla a, and Dr. Archie H. Hook of Conference Staff. Mr. Satterfield an his ministry in Colfax last tember.

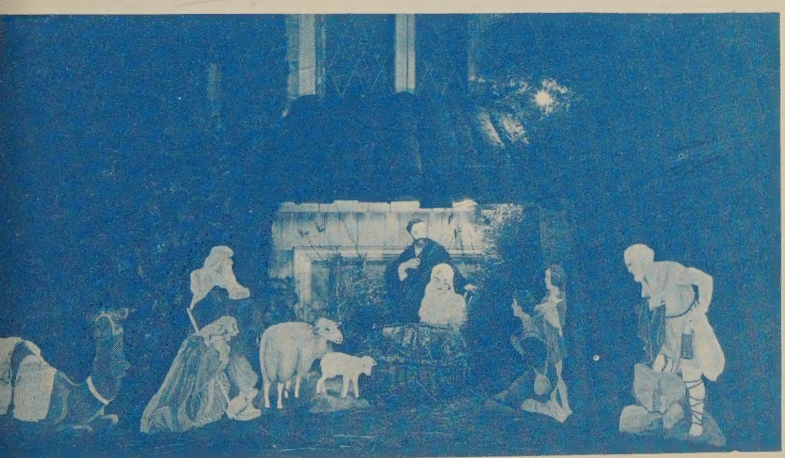
WASHOUGAL . . .

The fourth Sunday of each month is missionary Sunday in the Sunday School of the Bethel church. A new offering record was set November 23, when the group gave $85. All of the missionary activity is concentrated on the Chilesso Mission in Angola, Africa, where Dr. Mary Cushman is in charge. The Church School has been underwriting the full support of two of her assistants as well as giving to the mission hospital.

KELLOGG . . .

The Kellogg church is in the process of organizing its membership into "Unit Groups." Each unit is to have not more than twenty families. Each group will have a captain whose responsibility will be that of expediting the calling, education, new members, and other functions which will bring persons closer to the fellowship of the church.

Chimes have also been secured and were dedicated on December 21.



bers of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Carnation church erect this na- y scene each year. This together with the broadcasting of carols each ning of the season is part of their contribution to the Christmas of the nunity.

GREEN LAKE . . .

Members of the Green Lake church are happy to announce that the Rev. Stanley E. Anderson of New Haven, Connecticut, has accepted the call to their church beginning February 1. Mr. Anderson comes to Seattle from the First Congregational church of New Haven where he has been associate minister.

WINSLOW . . .

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Ohrenstein are holding a series of "listening sessions" of the classic music of the Christian church on Tuesday evenings at the parsonage. These records consist of hymns, chants, motets, chorales, cantatas. The music has been for the Christmas season and the Lenten season.

Tacoma, PILGRIM . . .

Rev. Clarence Covell reports that Pilgrim church finally got a complete overall redecoration. It started out with two small jobs that appeared necessary, but one thing led to six others and besides, nature took a hand.

A committee undertook to find a dossal to hang behind the new altar. Then it seemed so obvious that a new hanging would make the old rug look pretty shabby, but the committee felt it could not do everything. But about that time the first fall rain came, and the poor, dry roof over the rostrum couldn't turn it all; hence, plaster off the wall, and painters given a call.

The younger women had decided to do the nursery room downstairs, then found there was no place to stop until they got to the outside door. With insulation tile on the ceiling and new lighting fixtures the dining room became worthy of a name. It is now, after fitting ceremony, "Wheeler Hall" in honor of Dr. E. C. Wheeler, former pastor.

SOCIAL ACTION MATERIAL

Your Conference Social Actio Committee recommends to all mi isters and churches the followir program materials which may b secured from The Council for Soci Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, Ne York 10, New York.

I. **TOOL CHEST.** A packet materials for the organizati and program of social acti in the churches. A manu for the organization of a co mittee plus four programs Migrants, Race, Industria and International.

II. **CHRISTIAN BASIS FO SOCIAL ACTION.** Four se sion discussion based longer statement adopted b General Council, June 195 Group Leaders Manual als available.

III. **CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP** A program for participatio on national legislation an government policies, f groups and individuals.

IV. **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** Available to all minister and members of social actio committees and others upo request. Contains necessar information on social actio programs and emphases, a International Relations pag and when Congress is in se sion, Legislative Informatio from Washington, D. C.

V. **FILMSTRIP**—"Rebirth i Roxbury"—documentary o an integrated church membe ship. Available from Audi Visual Center, Seattle.

John Peringer served as chairman of the 1953 Every Member Canvass Columbia Congregational Church. With a budget of $9,399, the canvass- raised $5,747 the first day. The benevolence budget was over-subscribed first day. Rev. B. C. Herrick is minister.

1953 budget for the Arlington Church is $5,795. The above teams for Every Member Canvass secured $4,280 of the budget the first day of canvass. Additional work and follow-up calls completed the process. . A. D. Brokaw is minister.

Dr. Truman Douglass Visits

"The future vitality and witness of our fellowship depend on our ability to respond to the growth and movement of the American people with a vigorous program for the establishing of new churches and the re-establishing and re-equipping of existing churches."

Truman B. Douglass

The fellowship of the Washington Conference will be privileged this month to have Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York City visit our Conference in behalf of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. Dr. Douglass is executive vice president of the Board of Home Missions, and is widely known as one of the most important of our younger church statesmen. He has achieved national prominence for his pioneering vision and realistic approach to church problems. He is a leading figure in the National Council of Churches of Christ where he holds the chairmanship of the Policy Committee of the Division of Home Missions. Dr. Douglass is the author of the book, "Mission to America," which points out so significantly the need of church extension in America.

Appointments for Dr. Douglass include a greater Seattle fellowship meeting at 8:00 p.m. at University Church, Seattle, on January 9; Plymouth Congregational Church for January 11; Luncheon meeting in Seattle on January 12; Dinner meeting in Tacoma on January 12; Portland for January 13; and a Luncheon meeting in Spokane on January 14.

GOD BUILDS NO CHURCHES

God builds no churches—by His plan
That labor has been left to man;
No spires miraculously rise
No little mission from the skies,
Falls on a bleak and barren place
To be a source of strength and grace;
The humblest church demands its price
In human toil and sacrifice.

There is no church but what proclaims
The gifts of countless generous names;
Ages before us spires were raised
'Neath which Almighty God was praised
As proof that he was then—as now—
These sacred altars where men bow
Their heads in prayer and sorrow lifts
Its heavy weight—are Christian gifts.

The humblest spire in mortal ken
Where God abides was built by men;
And if the Church is still to grow
Is still the light of hope to throw
Across the valley of despair,
Men still must build God's House of prayer;
God sends no churches from the skies
Out of men's hearts they must arise.

Edgar A. Guest

DECLARATIONS OF PURPOSE

Each mail is bringing the Declarations of purpose from local churches the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. A number of ministers have orted "The Trustees have approved the suggested quota for our church t we cannot sign our Declaration of Purpose until the Annual Meeting in nuary when the Church Building Loan Fund program will be presented d the congregation will have an opportunity to vote." We are happy to t below the churches which took official Congregational action and gned the Declaration of Purpose on or before December 10th.

Marlin, Zion	**Pullman**	**Anacortes**
Peshastin	**Seattle, Japanese**	**Carnation**
Pasco	**Malden**	**Warden**
Kirkland	**White Salmon**	**Cheney**
Walla Walla	**Fauntleroy**	**Plummer**
Winlock Parish	**Ferndale**	

A DEDICATION

Mr. Clifford W. Rich of the Fauntleroy Community Congregational Church Seattle, wrote and gave the following as a part of the L aymen's Sunda message and observance in his church.

I came to the house of the Lord
And sat in the Midst of the congregation,
Seeking direction,
For my heart was troubled.
The house was hushed and still,
The people were praying,
And the spirit of God filled the room
With a great stillness.

I spoke to the Lord, saying:
"What is Your will, O Lord,
What would you have me do?"
I have come to your house to worship—to pray—to think.
I give of my substance,
But my soul is disturbed.
What is your will, O Lord
What would you have me do?

The stillness stirred and eddied,
And the Lord said to me:
"What does the Lord Your God require of you?"
Fear the Lord your God,
Walk in all His ways
With all your heart and all your soul,
And keep His commandments.
These words I gave to Israel,
And Moses was my voice."

The stillness grew quiet,
But I was not satisfied,
And again I spoke to the Lord:
"What is Your will, O God
What would You have me do?
I observe your commandments,
I love Your ways,
But my soul is disturbed.
What is Your will, O God,
What would You have me do?"

Again the stillness rustled,
The silence swirled:
Again God spoke to me:
"What does the Lord require of you
But to do justice,
To love kindness,
And walk humbly with your God?
These words I gave to Israel
And Micah was My voice."

And again the silence stilled,
But I was not satisfied,
"What is your will, O Lord,
I deal with justice,
I comfort the sick,
I sustain the widow and the orphan
I am filled with humility,
But my soul is disturbed.
What is your will, O Lord,
What would you have me do?"

The stillness engulfed me,
The silence overwhelmed me,
And God spoke a third time:
"I called Nehemiah from his opulence,
From the household of the King,
To desolate Jerusalem;
And commanded Him
To build anew the walls of Zion,
To erect a rampart and a battlemen
Against my enemies;
A bulwark for Jerusalem
Built of Timber and Stone.
This is your commandement—
Build Me A Wall!"

My prayer was answered,
But what meant the answer?
What wall shall I build?
What stones shall I cut?
What timber shall I hew?
What shall I use for mortar—for a hammer—for a chisel—for an adze—for a saw?

And then I heard these words o Jesus,
"The Kingdom of God is at hand."

My soul leaped!
My heart shouted for joy!
Surely the Kingdom is spirit,
It's bulwark the soul of man!

Behold!
Here is the quarry.
There is the forest.
The hammer,—God's word.
The chisel—My devotion.
The adze—knowledge
The saw—my service
I will fashion timbers for the gates.
I will set stones for the foundation—and my mortar—Love.

O God, grant that this child I teach
This woman I counsel,
Or this man I instruct

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News Briefs

al amount received to date the Pilgrim Fellowship Work for Christ is $967.33. Groups ng in their contributions since ecember issue of Congregation- ly include:

Fairmount, $8.00
Japanese, $5.50
Alki, $93.45
Keystone, $23.00
Ralston, $11.75
Wallace, $32.50
Anacortes, $10.00
Lowell, $27.88
West Seattle, $50.00
Kellogg, $74.35
Green Lake, $31.50

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re complete information on the and canvass gives their budget 953 as $18,080 with $12,000 of budget raised in pledges the day of the canvass.

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e midwinter meeting of The ions Council will be held in eland, Ohio, from January 26— Dr. Archie H. Hook, Mr. LeRoy , Miss Christine Skelton, Mrs. am E. Cox, Mrs. Theron Zimmer- and other conference represent- s will also attend additional ings of the various agencies e denomination held in connec- with the Missions Council ion.

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er capita dues for 1953 are due ime after January 1. Dues for year are 30¢ per member.

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Annual reports for the Year Book have been mailed to each church. Clerks are asked to return these reports as soon as possible so that the conference report can be completed and forwarded to national office.

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A forward step toward Christian unity was made when two historic New York churches, Baptist in origin, The Riverside Church and The Judson Memorial Church, were received into the New York City association of Congregational churches on November 6. Recognition services were held at Broadway Tabernacle. Both churches will maintain their historic Baptist connections while gaining a broader base for their community and world-wide activities.

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All financial contributions for 1952 must be received by January 10, as the conference books are closed on that date.

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May become a pillar in the gateway,
A very cornerstone in the rampart,
A mighty bulwark of the Kingdom of God.

O Lord, guide the hand of your mason,
Make skillful your builder,
That no stone be mis-cut,
Or no timber be marred.

—Amen

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New Beatitudes for Laymen

1. Blessed is the man who greets strangers at the church.
2. Blessed is the man who first calls upon newcomers and then sends his pastor.
3. Blessed is the man who, instead of criticizing, gives thought, prayer, and energy to solving the problem.
4. Blessed is the man who puts enthusiasm into his church work.
5. Blessed is the man who does team work with his pastor.

STRIVE TO KNOW

DARE TO BELIEVE

UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

YOUTH WEEK 1953

JANUARY 25 — FEBRUARY 1

erved for the past decade by Christian young people throughout the States, Youth Week has come to be an event of national significance. rides both young people and adults who are interested in youth with opportunities:

to dramatically re-emphasize the importance of young people in the program of the church and community. Many churches plan for the youth to be responsible for the morning worship service on January 25.

to strengthen the growing bond of fellowship between adults and youth in the church.

to bring more young people into a full fellowship with Christ and the Church.

to express the oneness of all Christian groups in Jesus Christ.

1953 theme "STRIVE TO KNOW—DARE TO BELIEVE" will enable people to learn how to study and examine the doctrine and beliefs church and to witness to the community through prayer, study, and action.

Yakima Bible Exhibit

Family Night at First Congregat
al Church, Yakima, in Novem
featured the church school pro
of a Bible Exhibit. This pro
was in keeping with the conten
the materials used this fall.
Bibles, new ones, Bibles in m
languages, different translatio
and facimilies of the great Bib
were on display. Bob Thurston
Jim Soden were in charge of
exhibit.

The program also included a de
cation service for their serv
project, Bibles for Korea; o
house in all the church sch
rooms; introduction of teachers
movie; and a fellowship dinner.

Mrs. Helen Dean supervises
church school; Rev. Robert Kenn
is minister.

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